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SUBJ: INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

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1. PROPOSAL REFTEL FOR WP ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING STUDIED BY REPS. CIEP, COMMERCE, LABOR AND STATE WORKING PARTY ON TEXTILES WITH CONCLUSION STUDY WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. ACCORDINGLY, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPLY REFTEL ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) USG BELIEVES STUDY ON RAW MATERIAL SHORTAGES AND ENERGY PROBLEMS RELATING TO TEXTILES COULD PROVE MOST USEFUL. USG WOULD SUPPORT OECD SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A STUDY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTINUING ENERGY PROBLEMS AND ANTICIPATED RAW MATERIAL SHORTAGES IN TEXTILE AREA.

B) ALTHOUGH PRESENT WORLD TEXTILE SITUATION CHARACTERIZED BY SOFT MARKETS AND LOW DEMAND AND NO SHORTAGES RAW MATERIALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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USG BELIEVES OUTLOOK IN ABOUT ONE YEAR WILL BE REVERSED WITH

IMPROVED DEMAND AND RAW MATERIAL SHORTAGES. STUDY COULD
BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN HELPING DETERMINE IF, IN LIGHT CONTINUING
ENERGY PROBLEMS, ENOUGH MAN-MADE FIBER WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO
MEET INCREASED WORLD DEMAND IN FACE ANTICIPATED SHORT SUPPLIES
OF COTTON NEXT YEAR.

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